



Grand Island Recreation Department



Recreation Program Guidelines In Accordance With NYS DOH and CDC Mandates and Guidelines Due To COVID-19

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The Grand Island Recreation Department follows the guidelines listed below in accordance with NYS DOH and CDC guidelines. The guidelines listed below are the most notable, but the list is not all inclusive. All NYS DOH guidelines and CDC guidelines that must be followed can be found at:

New York State Links: <https://www.ny.gov/> ; <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home>

CDC Link: <https://www.cdc.gov/>

The most notable guidelines for youth programs are:

- As of the date of this list the WNY area is in Phase 4 with guidelines according to this phase. Changes will be made as new guidelines are released.
- Daily screening –parents / guardians must complete and sign a daily health screening form. Failure to do so will result in participant not being allowed in the program. Please allow extra time at drop off complete the health screening. This form can be found on our website and can be completed ahead of time, however, the form must be turned in each day and dated for each day.
- Non-essential visitors are not allowed. There will be specific drop off points that only participant can go past.
- Youth programs are open to residents only
- Credit card payment is preferred for the convenience and safety of our participants. If you must pay by cash or check please contact the Recreation Office to schedule an appointment.
- Group sizes are limited according to the mandates. Group sizes will be determined by activity and building capacity.
- Different groups sharing an area: Groups of staff and participants cannot intermingle and must be kept separate whenever possible.
- Face coverings must be worn whenever social distancing of 6 ft. or more cannot be maintained. However, as per interim guidance for sports and recreation, this must be followed “unless players are unable to tolerate a face covering for the physical activity (e.g. practicing or playing)...”
- Sunscreen must be applied to participant before arrival. If a participant needs help with sunscreen during the program it must be provided by the participant’s parent / guardian and must be a spray on sunscreen.
- Age groups and size limits will be strictly enforced. We cannot allow participants to register in an age group different than their age. We cannot exceed mandated group sizes.



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The major changes for adult programs are:

- Please note, as of the date of this list the WNY area is in Phase 4 with guidelines according to this phase. Changes will be made as new guidelines are released.
- Participants must follow all NYS DOH and CDC mandates
- COVID-19 specific language has been added to the participant waiver. Please read carefully before signing.
- Group gathering sizes are limited to 50 people or less; for each game players, umpires and staff will account for approximately 25.
- Spectator benches will not be at fields, only player benches will be available
- All participants must immediately leave the area after completion of play.
- Face coverings must be worn whenever social distancing of 6 ft. or more cannot be maintained. However, as per interim guidance for sports and recreation, this must be followed “unless players are unable to tolerate a face covering for the physical activity (e.g. practicing or playing)...”
- Outside Facility Usage: If we are using a facility that is not Town property, additional guidelines and protocols specific to that facility may apply. Participants will be made aware of any additional facility specific guidelines.
- Bat testing: bat testing will be done before the season starts and during the first 3 weeks. There will be a date set before the season for anyone that wants to get their bat tested before the first game. All teams will be scheduled for a game at the Nike Base field during the first 3 weeks and can have their bat tested at the field. All bats with a 2019 sticker will be acceptable up through week 3. After week 3 all bats must have a 2020 sticker.